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TAGS : TECH, ENRG, PARM, BR GW OVIP (CHRISTOPHER, WARREN)
SUBJECT: THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BRAZIL: GOB PRESS
BACKGROUNDEERS

1. SUMMARY. FONMIN OFFICIALS APPARENTLY HAVE GIVEN A PRESS
BACKGROUND ON THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MEETINGS IN
BRASILIA. THE CHARACTERIZATIONS IN THE BACKGROUND ARE BLATENTLY
SELF-SERVING AND REPRESENT BREACH OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE
MEETINGS. IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE CONTEMPTUOUS TONE OF THE
BACKGROUND, AND ITS SUBSTANCE, PROBABLY ILLUSTRATE THE INITIAL
REACTIONS OF SOME GOB OFFICIALS TO US NUCLEAR POLICY
INITIATIVES. SOME IN THE GOB PROBABLY PERCEIVE THAT TO SEE TO
DENIGRATE THE USG WILL WEAKEN ITS RESOLVE. ALSO, THESE OFFICIALS
UNDOUBTEDLY BELIEVE SUCH BEHAVIOR WILL PLAY WELL
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TO NATIONALISTIC DOMESTIC AUDIENCES. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER THE CAPTION, "WHAT THERE WAS," A MISCELLANEOUS NEWS
COLUMN IN JORNAL DO BRASIL (MARCH 3) PUBLISHED A STORY ON THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MEETINGS IN BRASILIA. THE TEXT IS CONTAINED
IN PARAS. 3-7.

3. BEGIN TEXT. DURING THE TWO SESSIONS OF THE CHRISTOPHER MEETING WITH ITAMARATY VARIOUS NEGOTIATORS SPOKE. FOR THE BRAZILIAN SIDE, CHANCELLOR AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA SPOKE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY, WHICH ENDED UP AS AN ADVANTAGE SINCE THE SPECIALISTS THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY BROUGHT DID NOT HAVE THE SAME OPINION AS HE IN CERTAIN CASES. CHRISTOPHER, IT SEEMED, USED THE HARSH NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUE OF (FORMER) SOVIET CHANCELLOR MOLOTOV, WHO WAS CAPABLE OF REPEATING 300 TIMES THE SAME PROPOSAL ALREADY REFUSED DURING THE PAST THREE HOURS, WITH THE MOST DIVERSE FORMULATIONS AND THE MOST COMPLETE SERENITY.

4. DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF THE MEETING ALL THE AMERICAN INTERVENTIONS HAD A COMMON EXPRESSION, THE WORD "ALTERNATIVE". IN SUM, THEY WANTED THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT A TYPE OF CONVERSATION THAT STARTED FROM THE AGREEMENT WITH WEST GERMANY AND FLOWED TO A DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THIS PROGRAM. THE FIRST REFERENCE (COMMENT: TO THE AGREEMENT) WAS MADE, AND THEN REBUFFED. THE SECOND, THE THIRD, AND THE FOURTH. DURING LUNCH, THE SAME THING.

5. AS THE AFTERNOON GREW LATER, CHANCELLOR SILVEIRA BROKE THE VICIOUS CIRCLE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION, IN APPROXIMATE TERMS:

--I BELIEVE MY ENGLISH, THROUGH SOME DEFICIENCY, IS NOT PERMITTING YOU GENTLEMEN TO UNDERSTAND ME. (THE ENGLISH OF THE CHANCELLOR IS COMPREHENSIBLE). THEREFORE I AM GOING TO RECAPITULATE:

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--(1) BRAZIL DOES NOT DISCUSS CHANGES OR REVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT.

--(2) BRAZIL FOR 120 YEARS HAS HAD A TRADITION OF RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS THAT IT HAS SIGNED AND EXECUTED. BRAZIL, THEREFORE, IS DISPOSED TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITION, EXECUTING THIS (COMMENT: AGREEMENT) ALSO.

--(3) ASIDE FROM THE DISPOSITION TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR SPECIFIC REASONS AND FOR GENERIC TRADITION, THE DOCUMENT IS TODAY A TEXT APPROVED BY CONGRESS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE OPPOSITION.

6. GIVEN THIS, THE PROCEEDINGS WERE ENDED. THE AMERICAN DELEGATION "TOOK NOTE," AS IT IS SAID IN DIPLOMATIC JARGON, AND REPRESENTED ITS INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE CONVERSATIONS. THE CHANCELLOR AGAIN RESPONDED, SAYING THAT THE CONVERSATIONS COULD CONTINUE, JUST AS THE THREE ITEMS WOULD CONTINUE (COMMENT: TO BE RELEVANT). THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO COMPOSING A LONG OFFICIAL NOTE, BUT AT THE

END, A TEXT OF 25 WORDS WAS OPTED FOR.

7. TO THE SURPRISE OF THE BRAZILIAN COMMITTEE, MR. CHRISTOPHER DID NOT EVEN ONCE UTTER THE WORD GERMANY. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS A LONG EXPLANATION ABOUT FRANCE. END TEXT.

8. THE OUTSPOKEN LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL PARTY IN THE HOUSE OF DEPUTIES, JOSE BONIFACIO, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT, SAID IN A PRESS INTERVIEW ON MARCH 2, THAT:

"PRESIDENT CARTER IS REVEALING HIMSELF TO BE AN IMMATURE MAN FOR (COMMENT: THE TASK OF) GOVERNING A NATION WITH THE WORLD RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES," ALTHOUGH HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE GOOD SENSE OF CARTER'S TEAM, ACCORDING O GLOBO (MARCH 3).

9. COMMENT. THE CHARACTERIZATIONS IN THE JORNAL DO BRASIL BACKGROUNDER AND IN DEPUTY BONIFACIO'S STATEMENT REFLECT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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BLATENTLY SELF-SERVING AND OFFENSIVE POSTURING THAT GOB AUTHORITIES SEEM UNASHAMED IN MAINTAINING. THE JORNAL DO BRASIL BACKGROUNDER'S CONTENT DOES LITTLE REAL HARM, WE JUDGE, FOR MOST BRASILIA OBSERVERS PROBABLY ASSUMED THE US HAD RAISED THE ISSUE OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE SENSITIVE PARTS OF THE GERMAN AGREEMENT, AS THE SECRETARY HAS SAID WAS OUR INTENTION. NEVERTHELESS, THE SUBSTANCE, AND MOST PARTICULARLY THE CONTEMPTUOUS TONE, OF THE BACKGROUNDER PROBABLY ILLUSTRATE THE INITIAL REACTIONS OF SOME GOB OFFICIALS TO US NUCLEAR POLICY INITIATIVES. WE DO NOT DOUBT THAT THERE ARE CAUTIOUS, MORE MATURE HEADS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES. EVEN SO, SOME GOB OFFICIALS PROBABLY PERCEIVE THAT TO SEEK TO DENIGRATE THE USG IN PUBLIC WILL WEAKEN ITS RESOLVE. IN ANY CASE, THESE OFFICIALS UNDOUBTEDLY BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN EXERCISE WILL PLAY WELL TO NATIONALISTIC DOMESTIC AUDIENCES. CRIMMINS

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